

Abstract of the Disclosure

An insertion unit for an endoscope includes a flexible tube having an inner diameter  $D_1$  and an inner cross-sectional area  $S$ , and a plurality of components inserted and arranged in said flexible tube. The plurality of components include at least one optical fiber bundle. The insertion unit is configured such that the inner diameter  $D_1$  is not less than 6.5 mm and the inner cross-sectional area  $S$  satisfies the condition of  $0.5 \leq \Sigma s/s \leq 0.6$ , where  $\Sigma s$  represents a sum of cross-sectional areas of the components arranged in the flexible tube. Alternatively, the insertion unit is configured such that the inner diameter  $D_1$  is less than 6.5 mm and the inner cross-sectional area  $S$  satisfies the condition of  $0.5 \leq \Sigma s/s \leq 0.65$ .